

## EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK

**Monday, April 17** – Breakfast at City Hall beginning at 7:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 18** – Breakfast at J. E. Davis beginning at 7:30 am

**Tuesday, April 18** – The Great Race; City Hall Rotunda at 2:00 pm

**Wednesday, April 19** – Breakfast at the Zoo beginning at 8:00 am

**Wednesday, April 19** – Employee Recognition Luncheon

**Thursday, April 20** – D'Feud Trivia Contest; City Hall Rotunda at 2:00 pm

**Thursday, April 20** – Treats for Zoo and War Memorial Park employees

**Friday, April 21** – City Hall Olympics beginning at 11:00 am

**Friday, April 21** – BBQ Lunch beginning at 12:30 pm

**Friday, April 21** – TGIF for SW Little Rock employees beginning at 3:30 pm

**Saturday, April 22** – Employee Picnic at Allsopp Park; 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

*City Manager Bruce T. Moore*

*Invites you to a reception honoring the nominees for the  
2006 Mahlon A. Martin Employee of the Year Award*

*Tuesday, April 18, 2006*

*4:30 in the afternoon*

*The Rotunda of Little Rock City Hall*

*500 West Markham*

**Departmental Finalists**

*Douglas Coffman, Fire*

*Starla Ellison, City Manager's Office*

*Jason Elmore, Information Technology*

*Steven Green, District Court – Traffic*

*Richard Hawkins, Parks and Recreation*

*John Honea, Public Works*

*Ellen Hughes, Human Resources*

*Terry Hughes, City Attorney's Office*

*Eleanor Louis, Community Programs*

*Marvin Marks, Fleet*

*Norma Myers, Housing & Neighborhood Programs*

*Roy Osborn, Planning and Development*

*Ann Rademacher, Zoo*

*Lareeta Robinson, Parks and Recreation*

*Greg Smith, Police*

*Richard Walker, Fleet*

*Clay Waters, Finance*

## RCDC WINS FIRST PLACE FROM NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES; AWARD HONORS WORLDFEST



City Director Genevieve Stewart and RCDC Executive Director Carlette Henderson present the RCDC's award at a recent City Board meeting. They, along with Mayor Jim Dailey and City Director Johnnie Pugh accepted the award at the NLC meeting in Washington D.C.

The Little Rock Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission was recognized by the National League of Cities for WorldFest. That annual event was saluted at the National League of Cities' Annual City Cultural Diversity Awards.

WorldFest was recognized for its efforts to promote equal opportunity and the full exercise of civil rights for all Little Rock residents.

The award was presented at the *Celebrate Diversity Breakfast*, part of the NLC Congressional City Conference held in Washington, DC.

## MAYOR DAILEY ANNOUNCES NEW DIVERSITY INITIATIVE

Flanked by members of Little Rock's Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission (RCDC) and area educators, Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey announced the creation of Diversity Councils in area high schools. This program was made possible by a \$35,000 grant from the Arkansas Department of Education. The Department's director, Dr. Ken James was also present at the announcement.

"Since 1994, Little Rock's Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission has been creating programs to increase our awareness of—and appreciation for—other backgrounds, cultures, and races," said Mayor Dailey. "The creation of Diversity Councils is the next step in their efforts," he continued.

Diversity Councils will be established at public, private, and parochial high schools in Central Arkansas to sponsor programs and activities to promote diversity, tolerance, and appreciation of different cultures. Student representatives from each participating school will be selected to serve on a Youth Advisory Council to work with the RCDC's Education Committee.

Currently six schools are participating in the effort: Little Rock Central, Mount St. Mary's Academy, Pulaski Academy, Mills, North Little Rock, and North Pulaski. Five more high schools are interested in participating, according to Carlette Henderson, RCDC executive director.

"Since 2004, the RCDC has sponsored the 'Keeping It Real' youth summit, which brings high school students from Central Arkansas public and private schools together for a day of inspiration, fellowship, and unity," said Henderson. "Each year, this event empowers students to realize that they really can change the course of our City, State, Nation, and World for the better. But 'Keeping It Real' is only for one day. We know that there are 364 other days in which we still need to equip youth. The Diversity Councils are the tools for this to happen."

## SCENES FROM THE LITTLE ROCK MARATHON

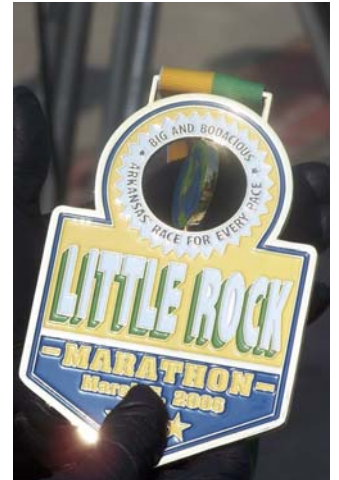
Lining up for the start of the race.



John Honea of Public Works drove the Pace Car.



The MEMS color guard presented the colors for the race.



Running along Kavanaugh on mile 15



Vice Mayor Barbara Graves sounds the horn to start the Marathon.



Spectators gather in downtown to cheer on the runners.





## TOLEFREE NAMED NEW LR PARKS DIRECTOR

### *Former Assistant Director Returns to Little Rock from Atlanta*

Proving the old adage wrong, Truman Tolefree comes home to Little Rock to become the Director of Little Rock Parks and Recreation effective April 17, 2006. Tolefree returns to lead the department where he worked from 1976 to 1995. From 1991 to 1995, he served as Assistant Director of Little Rock Parks and Recreation. He left Little Rock to become Deputy Director of the Bureau of Recreation for Atlanta's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs. In 2000, he was named Director of the Bureau of Recreation.



"I have known Truman for several years," stated City Manager Bruce Moore in making the announcement. "He was here when I first started with the City, and I look forward to working with him again. Truman offers a unique set of leadership qualities. He knows Little Rock: the people and the parks. But because of his decade in Atlanta, he has also has the fresh perspective of an outsider."

"Truman is well-known for his commitment to customer service," stated Mayor Jim Dailey. "I know that he will continue to emphasize working with the citizens as he leads the City's dynamic Parks and Recreation Department."

Tolefree has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. He also has taken additional coursework at North Carolina State University and UALR. He is a graduate of Leadership Greater Little Rock, and a member of the National Recreation and Parks Association, and the United States Tennis Association.

Tolefree succeeds Bryan Day who was named Assistant City Manager in 2005. He will lead a department with 50 parks, seven community centers, the Adult Leisure Center, War Memorial Fitness Center, four swimming pools, two tennis centers, the River Market, the Riverfest Amphitheatre, the Little Rock Marathon, the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History, three golf courses, plus a catering service.

### LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

W.W. Williams Northwest Patrol Division  
Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.  
NW Substation, 10001 Kanis Rd.

Southwest Patrol Division  
Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.  
SW Substation, 6401 Baseline Rd.

Downtown Patrol Division Meeting  
Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.  
Willie L. Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center, 3805 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street

If you have questions, call Doris Scales, 379-1526

## CALL OF THE WILD EVENT CELEBRATES ZOO'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

The Little Rock Zoo celebrated its 80th birthday Saturday, April 1, with NFL Jacksonville Jaguar and former Arkansas Razorback Matt Jones. The Verizon Wireless Call of the Wild featured a parade, free face painting for kids, birthday cake and Yarnell's ice cream, costumed animal characters, free giveaways, and "Creature Feature" educational live animal demonstrations.

Jones, who was drafted ninth overall in the 2004 NFL draft after spending four years with the Razorbacks, was available for photos and autographs in front of the Zoo's Jaguar exhibit.

Verizon Wireless South Area President and Little Rock native Jack Plating presented a donation on behalf of Verizon Wireless to the Little Rock Zoo Conservation Fund, in addition to a special gift presentation to the Zoo's Big Cats.

"Verizon Wireless is proud to be a strong community partner of the Little Rock Zoo," Plating said. "The Zoo is one of the treasures of Arkansas and we are committed to helping enrich the lives of our customers and their communities."

Celebrating its 80th birthday this year, the Little Rock Zoo began with just two animals, a trained circus bear and an abandoned timber wolf in 1926. Today, it is the second most-visited attraction in Arkansas, drawing more than 350,000 people annually.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
APRIL 2006						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Employee of the Year Reception – 4:30  City Board Meeting – 6PM	Movies in the Park-sundown	LRPD 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting NW Patrol – 6:30pm		Employee Picnic-10:30- 2:30  Zoovies – 7pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Farmer's Market Opens  City Board Agenda Meeting – 4PM				Farmer's Market  Neighborhood Connections  Zoovies– 7pm
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MAY 2006						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Farmer's Market  City Board Meeting – 6PM	Movies in the Park-sundown			Farmer's Market  Zoovies– 7pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Farmer's Market  City Board Agenda Meeting – 4PM				Farmer's Market  Zoovies– 7pm

## City of Little Rock Board of Directors

Mayor Jim Dailey  
Vice Mayor Barbara Graves  
Director Joan Adcock  
Director Brad Cazort  
Director Willie Hinton  
Director Stacy Hurst  
Director Michael Keck  
Director Dean Kumpuris  
Director Johnnie Pugh  
Director Genevieve Stewart  
Director B J Wyrick

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City Manager Bruce Moore  
Assistant City Manager Bryan Day

City Attorney, Tom Carpenter  
Community Programs Director, Dorothy Nayles  
Finance Director, Bob Biles  
Fire Chief, Rhoda Mae Kerr  
Fleet Services Director, Wendell Jones  
Housing & Neighborhood Programs Director, Andre Bernard  
Human Resources Director, Don Flegal  
Information Technology Director, Traci L. Morgan  
Parks & Recreation Interim Director, Mark Webre  
Planning & Development Director, Tony Bozynski  
Police Chief, Stuart Thomas  
Public Works Director, Steve Haralson  
Zoo Director, Mike Blakely

District Court 1 (Criminal), Judge Lee Munson  
District Court 2 (Traffic), Judge Vic Fleming  
District Court 3 (Environmental), Judge David Stewart